treatment to prisoners, their humane treatment and in dealing with matters relating to deaths in police and judicial custody.

(d) The Central Government have impressed upon the states regularly drawing their attention to the recommendations made by various expert committees including those of the NHRC for improving the conditions of jails. Besides providing financial assistance for modernization of prison administration, the Central Government has also circulated a draft Model Prison Manual among the States, which takes into account the concerns of the NHRC.

Crimes in South Delhi

328. SHRI RAJU PARMAR: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of increase in crime rate in South Delhi during the last six months;

(b) if so, how many cases of murder, dacoity, rape, extortion, encroachment on land etc. have been reported in various police stations in South Delhi during the last six months;

(c) whether some erring police officials have been transferred for dereliction of duty and other offences; and

(d) if so, the complete details thereof, and the steps being taken to improve the law and order situation in South Delhi?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI HARIN PATHAK): (a) to (d) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Role of ordinar people in country's security

329. SHRI C. RAMACHANDRAIAH: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Deputy Prime Minister had advocated a greater role for ordinary people in dealing with the country's security speaking at the 12th Civil Defence and Home Guards Conference on 20th March;